

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
Tuesday, July 31, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. – Room W020 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair  
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Sen. Carlene Walker  
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke  
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson  
Mr. Brian Farr  
Mr. Brett W. Heimbürger  
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Brad King

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Commission Business**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen Walker moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. China Trade Mission: Legislative Delegation Report**

Sen. Goodfellow was first to report on the Legislative delegation to China. He said they met officials at all levels of government and felt that many positive things would come from the trip.

Rep. Gibson spoke about the value of getting to know the Chinese culture as a way to increase understanding and trade in the future.

Sen. Madsen commented on the economic aspects of Chinese society.

Chair Allen also talked about the trip and stressed the importance of legislative involvement with trade.

Sen. Walker opened a discussion about what the Commission may choose to do as a result of the trip to China. She suggested cultural briefings before visits of delegations from other countries.

Mr. Farr said it is critical for the Legislature to have a coordinated plan and a team leader so that the Legislature and the Governor's Office's can work together to make the most of trade missions for the state.

Mr. North listed ideas for the Commission to consider for the increasing Legislative involvement in trade issues: 1) making yearly recommendations for a scheduled event involving a large number of legislators; 2) creating and maintaining a database with information about different places throughout the world; 3) organizing diplomatic training for legislators; and 4) initiating cultural briefings to increase the value of legislative participation in trade activities to the state.

**3. How can the Utah Legislature Promote International Trade with Utah?**

Mr. Lew Cramer, Utah World Trade Center, was pleased to hear the trip had gone well. Mr. Cramer pointed out that we live in an international economy and encouraged members of the delegation to keep in contact with the people they met on the trip.

Mr. Heimburger discussed delegations that visit Utah from around the world each month, and spoke in favor of coordinating of the legislature's efforts with those of the Governor's Office.

Chair Allen asked Mr. Heimburger to set up a meeting with the commission chairs to discuss how coordination with the legislature can be improved, and to return with a plan to be presented at a future meeting.

#### **4. Federal Trade Promotion Authority (Fast Track)**

Mr. North gave a brief update on presidential trade promotion authority talks between Congress and the President, and said the talks seem to be indefinitely on hold.

#### **5. Other Items / Adjourn**

Staff distributed "What's Next in the WTO Internet Gambling Dispute," and Rep. Allen gave a brief update on the issue of internet gambling.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Fowlke moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Goodfellow was absent for the vote.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.